

LESSON SUMMARY:

Learn about the words Jesus spoke to the disciple John and his mother Mary just before he died, and what that could mean for us.

OPENING CONVERSATION:

How are you doing? How is it going in your home? Have you or anyone in your house had difficulty dealing with this strange time? Do you miss your friends and teachers? Do you have anyone else you miss lately?

It can be hard to be away from loved ones, because God built us to have and need healthy, loving relationships. When we are not surrounded by friends and family, things can get lonely and difficult.

Jesus knew the challenges of loneliness and the challenges that come when our lives are suddenly changed or disrupted.

We are nearing Easter, the time of year when we remember how Jesus was killed and then rose from the grave. Today, we will look at a story from his crucifixion, which is a word used to describe how Jesus was killed on a cross. Before he died, he had some special words to share with his mother, Mary, and one of his followers and close friends.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:

The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

John 19:25-30, Adventure Bible page 1192

"²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."

QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION:

In verse 26, Jesus looks to one of his disciples, probably John, and his mother, and tells them what?

"Here is your son," "Here is your mother."

What do you think this means to us?

That in the Kingdom of God, we are all family and should all take care of one another.

Imagine if everyone was really your family member. How might that be different from the way we live now?

We all might care for each other more, and make sure we all had what we needed.

MEMORY SCRIPTURE:

1 John 3:1 Adventure Bible page 1372

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”